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*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and  
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business  
(No Votes Before 5:00 p.m.)*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H.R. 2864—OSHA Compliance Assistance Authorization Act**  
**H.R. 2877—Prohibiting OSHA Enforcement Quotas**  
**H.Con.Res. 238—Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for a National  
Race for the Cure Event**  
**H.Res. 364—Urging the President to Criticize China's Human Rights  
Violations at the United Nations**  
**H.Res. 373—Commending Democracy in Botswana**  
**H.Con.Res. 235—Calling for an End to the Violent Repression of the  
Legitimate Rights of the People of Kosovo**



## **Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules**

**Floor Situation:** The House will consider the following six bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

**H.R. 2864—OSHA Compliance Assistance Authorization Act** amends the 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) to establish a compliance assistance program to help businesses avoid OSHA rule violations. The bill authorizes federal funding to states which provide on-site consultations, as well as education and training activities for businesses. The bill states that any employer who voluntarily requests a consultation can work with the state to correct any hazards and safety violations, within a reasonable time, or will risk the appropriate enforcement penalty for a violation. The bill exempts an employer who corrects hazards identified in the consultative visit from a general scheduled inspection for one year. The bill was introduced by Mr. Ballenger and was reported by the Education & the Workforce Committee by voice vote.

**H.R. 2877—Prohibiting OSHA Enforcement Quotas Act** prohibits the Labor Secretary from establishing any performance measures for any employee within the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The bill specifically prohibits the practice of counting inspections, citations, or penalties as performance measures. This bill is designed to promote OSHA's primary mission to promote safety, and turns its focus from collecting penalties and issuing citations. The bill was introduced by Mr. Ballenger and was reported by the Education & the Workforce Committee by voice vote.

**H.Con.Res. 238—Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for a National Race for the Cure Event** authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event on April 1, 1998, sponsored by the National Race for the Cure. The resolution authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board, and the National Race for the Cure to negotiate the necessary arrangements to carry out the event in compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds. The ninth annual National Race for the Cure in Washington D.C., the largest five kilometer (5K) race in the country, helps raise funds for breast cancer research, education, screenings, and treatment. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Solomon; the Transportation Committee reported H.Con.Res. 238 by voice vote on March 12, 1998.

**H.Res. 364—Urging the President to Criticize China's Human Rights Violations at the United Nations** calls on the president to initiate an immediate and determined U.S. effort to secure passage of a resolution on human rights violations in China at the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. It urges all members of the UN Commission on Human Rights to support passage of such a measure. The resolution also expresses its profound regret that the European Union refuses to cosponsor a resolution on human rights violations in China. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Smith (NJ) and the International Relations Committee ordered the resolution reported by voice vote on March 11, 1998.

**H.Res. 373—Commending Democracy in Botswana** commends the people of Botswana for their commitment to democracy and President Masire for his distinguished service to his country by maintaining a successful multiparty constitutional democracy with free and fair elections. In addition, the resolution calls on President Masire's successor to maintain a democratic Botswana and continue to promote peace, democracy, respect for human rights, and economic reform in Africa. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Royce and the International Relations Committee ordered the resolution reported by voice vote on March 12, 1998.

**H.Con.Res. 235—Calling for the End to Violent Repression of the Legitimate Rights of the People of Kosovo** calls on (1) all parties in the ongoing conflict in the Kosovo region to refrain from further violence, (2) commends the efforts of the international Contact Group (the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, and Italy), (3) calls for sanctions against the Government of Serbia-Montenegro if violence continues against the Albanian people in Kosovo, and (4) calls for unimpeded access to medical assistance, and for progress toward democratic elections in Kosovo scheduled for March 22, 1998.

The resolution also recognizes that the Mission of Long Duration to Kosovo, which the Organization Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) deployed in 1992, eased local tensions before the authorities of Serbia-Montenegro expelled the mission in 1993. The resolution calls on the authorities of Serbia-Montenegro to cooperate with the OSCE and allow the mission to return. Finally, the

resolution calls on the UN Security Council to consider the question of restoring human and political rights of the people of Kosovo, and condemns the violent oppression by the Serbian police and parliamentary forces against the Albanian population of Kosovo. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Gilman and the International Relations Committee ordered the resolution reported by voice vote on March 12, 1998.

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVII, #6, March 13, 1998.




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Member Sponsoring Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill #: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Co-sponsors (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of the amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for offering amendment (e.g., How will this change the bill or current law? Why should members support this change?): \_\_\_\_\_

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